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Her Marriage Announced



Enlisting the cordial and sincere interest of a host of friends is the announcement of Miss Mildred Virginia Graddick's marriage to Mr. Herschel E. Thornton, Jr., of Atlanta, which is made today by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Graddick. The marriage took place at a mid-day ceremony on Friday, July 11, 1941, performed by Rev. William Holmes Borders, pastor of Wheat Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. Thornton is one of Atlanta's popular beauticians and is proprietress of Graddick's Beauty Shop. She is the attractive and youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graddick, and is the center of a wide circle of admiring friends.

Mr. Thornton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thornton, Sr., of Elberton, Ga., and is a mortician at Haugabrooks Funeral Home.

SELECTIVE SERVICE REVEALS HIGH RATE OF VENEREAL DISEASE

Based on records compiled by Major Lawrence W. Long, chief of the Medical Division, Brigadier

General Thomas L. Grayson, State Director of Selective Service, recently emphasized venereal diseases as the second main cause for rejection of Mississippi registrants at this time.

The seriousness of this situation in the state is readily revealed when an analysis is made of the 43,957 examinations conducted by local Selective Boards from December 1940 through June 30, 1940. Out of the 19,715 white registrants included in this number, 521 were found to have positive evidence of syphilis. Examination of 24,108 Negroes over the same period revealed 3,999 as having the same disease. This represents 2.7 per cent of the white registrants and 28.9 per cent of the Negro registrants showing positive evidence of syphilis.

General Grayson's appeal in this connection is repeated. In view of these alarming revelations the State Director recently said: "Those with remediable defects will be found to consist of men who will voluntarily, or with urging, correct their disabilities and a probably disappointing number who will be content to remain as they are. In all probability, those with diseases susceptible of correction should and will ultimately become the direct responsibility of the government. Meantime, however, each county and community should address itself to the problem in an effort to improve the deplorable condition presented by the above figures. This will involve careful planning and cooperation on the part of state and local health and welfare groups."

Dotson Barber Shop Robbed

Dotson Barber Shop, corner Farish and Barber, was broken into and robbed Monday night.

The thief entering by the back door completely ransacked the place. An early morning check up revealed the loss of several razors and other tools.

Police are investigating the case.

JOSHUA JONES
By I. P. Reynolds

Bro. Bell says where there's a will some body has got to die out of the way.

Woman Killed In Argument Over Husband

Brother Of
Other Woman
Fires Shot

A woman was killed here Sunday night while arguing with another woman about dancing with her husband, according to one of the versions of the fatal shooting of Mrs. Ola Mae Ware, wife of James Ware, who was fatally shot by Percy Simpson, operator of a combination grocery store and juke on Mayes Street in Virden Addition here about 11 o'clock Sunday night.

According to one version of the fatal shooting, Ola Mae Ware, who was returning from church, stopped by the juke operated by Percy Simpson to look for her husband who she found dancing with one of Simpson's sisters. When she called to him to come with her and go home an argument and near fight ensued.

After being prevented from coming to blows by folks inside the place, both women went outside where their argument and threats against one another were renewed. While the two women were arguing with one another on the outside Simpson is said to have followed them and as the slain woman was being restrained by another woman, fired the fatal shot, the bullet striking the victim in the neck and passing through to cut the jugular vein, with death following almost instantly.

According to another version, the woman was shot after a free for all fight started in the place when Simpson was attempting to stop the crowd from dancing. Simpson who was arrested shortly after shooting is being held in the Hinds County jail while sheriff officers continue their investigation of the case.

Slaying Of Prisoner Is Termed 'Lynching'

"NEGRO SOLDIERS MAKING RECORD"

Under Secretary Of War Lauds Colored Soldiers In Address

Famous Radio, Screen, Stage
Stars Appear on Nation-wide,
War Department 'Air' Program

NEW YORK—(SNS)—"No one dare question the Negro citizen's loyalty, and none dare question his courage," the honorable Robert P. Patterson, under secretary of war, declared Tuesday night in a nationwide broadcast sponsored by the War Department.

Albany Tutor Reveals Plans Of Teachers

New Position
Looms For
College Head

TIFFIN — (SNS) — The Negro education question almost broke up the meeting of the State Board of Regents here Monday.

The meeting did end in a row after Regent James S. Peters made a motion that the state pay \$500 traveling expenses to J. W. Holley, president of Georgia Normal at Albany, that he might go around the state defending the position of the majority of the board on Negro education.

Holley, whose "black is black and white is white and ne'er the twain shall meet" position of matters educational have been accepted in toto by Governor Eugene Talmadge, addressed the board and approved its stand on Negro education. His speech was about the same as the one Governor Talmadge quoted in his radio address defending the ouster of Dean Walter D. Cocking and President Marvin S. Pittman from the University System of Georgia because of alleged sponsorship of racial equality ideas.

HOLLEY TELLS ALL
A move by colored Atlantans to secure equal salaries for teachers was told to the board by Holley.

The program at Negro colleges in the state as sponsored by the present Talmadge-controlled board was praised by Holley. He even said that the board is setting an example which other southern states ought to follow. Declared Holley again: "White and black is black and white and the twain shall meet in the

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CALL FOR 508 COLORED SELECTEES FOR SEPTEMBER

Brigadier General Thomas J. Grayson, State Director of Selective Service today announced receipt of requisition calling for 508 colored selectees from Mississippi. The requisition calls for 508 colored selectees who will report for induction at Camp Shelby September 17-19. Of these, 169 will report September 17; 169 on September 18; and 170 on September 19.

General Grayson stated that this constitute the first calls for Miss-

Judge Patterson spoke on a program which featured Noble Sissie as master of ceremonies, Dean Dixon, who conducted the specially gathered NBC orchestra; Juano Hernandez, Lionel Menegas, Maurice Ellis, Edna Thomas, Eddie Green and Bill "Bojangles" Robinson.

Warning that "this is a national crisis" and that America needs every element of her population, and every element of her population needs America, Under-Secretary Patterson said:

There are 80,000 Negroes in the Army, including 430 commissioned officers and 56 nurses. The Army's Chief of Staff, General Marshall, enjoys the confidence of these soldiers as he does all our soldiers, and I can assure you that he reciprocates that confidence. For the first time in American history there is a Negro brigadier general, General Benjamin O. Davis. Negro officers are being assigned to the 99th Pursuit Squadron of the Air Corps. That squadron comprising 45 officers and 390 enlisted men, now in training at Chanute Field, Illinois, will have an air base near Tuskegee, Alabama, which has been designed by a Negro architect and is being constructed by a Negro contractor. The Tuskegee base, 1,700 acres in extent, will be the home field of the only tactical Air Corps unit stationed in Atlanta. We also have a Negro unit with the tanks. And we have Negro units in every branch of the service, units which

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Traffic Accident Is Fatal To Youth

Charley Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Dixon, who operates a wood yard at 192 Whitfield Street, and an employee of Morris Pharmacy, was fatally injured late Sunday evening in a traffic accident near the corner of Blair and Roosevelt Street, when the motorcyclist collided with a truck of Peet's Ice Company, which was being driven by Clifton Davis.

According to eye-witnesses, the accident occurred when Dixon attempted to cut in front of the ice truck, his handle bars caught on the machine and threw him to the curb fracturing his skull. Rushed to the hospital, he died a short time after the accident.

Clifton Davis, the driver of the ice truck was placed under arrest on a technical charge of manslaughter while officers were completing the investigation of the accident.

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Mississippi selectees during the month of September 1941.

TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Rev. W. B. Martin conducted a very successful meeting for Rev. J. L. Matthews last week in Louisville, W. B. Martin spent the week end in Birmingham. The Mt. Olive Baptist church will begin revival this week. Rev. J. L. Matthews, pastor.

As Nation's Boy Scout Leaders Attend Training School



Scout leaders from more than eighteen Eastern and Central States are attending the training school for Negro leaders being conducted at Atlanta's Washington high school by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Here you see a group of those attending giving the scout hailing sign and yell for the benefit of the SNS photographer. The men have pitched tents during the week's institute on the athletic field behind the high school.—(SNS Staff Photo.)

Use Of Ballot Is Urged By Beauty Leader

Mrs. Johnson
Inspires
Big Audience

BY CLIFF MACKAY

ATLANTA, Ga.—(SNS)—Beauticians as representatives of the largest industry among Negroes, should lead all other groups in cooperating with Negro business in general, Mrs. Cordelia Greene Johnson of Jersey City, N. J., national president, told delegates attending the twenty-second annual session of the National Beauty Culturists' League, Inc., Tuesday night.

The meeting shifted Tuesday evening from the convention headquarters at the Butler Street Y. M. C. A. to the Big Bethel AME church for the welcome program. The president, making her annual report, climaxed the program.

"Not only must you cooperate with Negro business, but it is your duty to impart the spirit of cooperation with people of your own color to your customers," Mrs. Johnson asserted.

STRESSES BALLOT

Turning from the economic angle, the president, who speaks with firm authority, told her hearers that a second duty was "an intelligent use of the ballot."

"Become interested in politics, qualify to vote and urge those who come to your shop and must sit in your chair for more than an hour to do likewise," she said. "There's nothing wrong with politics. Politics is just good government if it is in the hands of good people."

Reviewing the accomplishments (Continued on back page)

Georgia Slaying Called Lynching

CORDELE, Ga.—(SNS)—Arthur Johnson was the victim of a "police lynching" in the office of the chief of police here on May 24, if reports from several responsible sources are to be believed.

Although the local white newspaper reportedly carried an account of Johnson's death being the result of resisting arrest, these reports say otherwise.

According to information, Johnson, a family man, having a wife and four children, ages three to fourteen, owed a white man a debt of \$7.

Monday, May 24, the police picked him up, put him in jail and it is reported that the Chief of Police sent for the white man to come to the jail in order to beat up Johnson.

After several hours, the white man is alleged to have gone to the police station and Johnson was allegedly taken to the chief's office where the beating began. Johnson is said to have fought back and was successful in driving his assailants back for a few minutes rest while they collected themselves to renew the assault.

When the two started toward him again, Johnson is said to have reached for a Coca-Cola bottle on the floor in order to defend himself. The chief of police is then reported to have drawn his gun and shot Johnson seven times, death being instantaneous.

The city physician is then reported to have called a colored undertaker and to have told him that a man had fallen out dead in jail. The undertaker came for the body, picked it up and was told to take Johnson buried by the next morning at ten o'clock. It is stated. Police reportedly called on the dead man's mother to tell her that her son had been

shot while resisting arrest or creating a disturbance.

MOTHER TOLD TO SHUT UP

When Johnson's mother began to cry, it is reported that she was told sternly: "Shut up. Don't you dare cry. Dry up those tears and keep quiet."

The dead man's widow and his four children are now on relief. Mrs. Johnson has high blood pressure and has been forbidden to work by her physician. Therefore, the oldest daughter, fourteen years of age, has been working in

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Dr. Bolmeier To Address Race Teachers

Monday, September 8, 1941 at 3:40 P. M., the Negro teachers of Jackson will hear Dr. E. C. Bolmeier speak on the subject:

"SETTING UP A TESTING PROGRAM IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS."

Dr. Bolmeier's broad experience in working with schools in the northwest and other parts of the country qualifies him to efficiently handle the question of testing in the secondary school.

In addition to the teachers in the Negro Public Schools, other teachers and interested friends of education are invited to attend this meeting at the Lanier High School, which is one of the sessions of the Jackson Teachers Institute, which will be held at the Lanier High School building, September 8-12, 1941. Prominent educators and educational specialists will appear on the various programs throughout the institute. All the meetings will be open to the public except the meeting at 10:00 A. M., Monday, September 8, 1941. The public is invited to attend all the other meetings of the week.

Farish Street Baptist Church Choir No. Two Honors A. M. Lovelace With Shower

Proving a very beautiful affair was the lovely miscellaneous show given by Choir No. 2 honoring Mr. A. M. Lovelace, Wednesday night, July 30th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Redmond, 929 West Pearl Street. After the regular choir rehearsal the group was invited into the dining room that was attractively decorated with flowers. The dining room table was covered with a beautiful lace cloth. The center piece was rose and white.

The following menu was served: Sandwiches, punch, candy and ice cream. Near the close of the serving Mrs. Redmond brought from the room a large tray full of gifts and

gave to the president, Miss E. L. Palmer, which was presented on behalf of Choir No. 2 to the honoree. After the honoree was partially over the shock, he gave brief but timely remarks of appreciation. Members present were: Mesdames Dorothy Archie, Z. A. Barron, A. M. Turner, Daisy Parker Lee, E. E. Redmond, Emma Thurston Kersh, Misses Matilda Henderson, Ida Mae Harris, Bessie G. Davis, Virginia Donaldson, Ora D. Robinson, E. L. Palmer, Messrs L. J. Marshall and Richard Reed. Mesdames Hazel Bracey Tucker, Thelma Reed Blackman and Miss Hattie Palmer could not be present, but sent gifts to honoree.